

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST NEGRO

ALLEGED TO HAVE ATTEMPTED ASSAULT AT EASLEY.

Pickens Officers Find Clues Pointing to Guilt of Pete Hamilton—Citizens Aroused by Crime.

Easley, Nov. 29.—Pete Hamilton, a young negro some 20 or 22 years of age, was arrested here this morning, being charged with attempted assault on a prominent white woman in a residence shortly before midnight Saturday night. The evidence, warranting his arrest, although circumstantial, is sufficiently strong to assure the citizens that the guilty one has really been apprehended. In making his escape from the residence Saturday night the fleeing person was seen to fall over a large log on the edge of the sidewalk. Here he also lost one of his shoes which was found by the officers working on the case. Hamilton is an employee of the oil mill and this shoe which was found had cottonseed hulls in it. The make of the shoe was identified as one which had been purchased by Hamilton one month ago. Hamilton had a sore on his foot and the shoe which was found had a hole split in it and this cut out place exactly fitted over the sore. Hamilton failed to appear at the oil mill this morning and sent word that he had the mumps. The officers, in view of all other circumstances, carried a physician to Hamilton's house where an examination disclosed the fact that he had no mumps but that his knees were freshly skinned and badly swollen. Minor scratches were also found on his face. An arrest was immediately made and Hamilton was rushed to the county jail at Pickens.

Two women were occupying the same room on the ground floor of the residence. The presence of the man in the room was not discovered until he had grabbed one of the young women around the throat and her screams awakened the other persons sleeping in the house. A broken latch on the window blind had enabled the man to make an entrance noiselessly as the window was up.

The screams of the young woman not only aroused the other persons in the house but awakened the nearby neighbors who rushed to their assistance. The negro left the house as he had entered, rushed across the front yard and belted a high wire fence. A neighbor saw him at this moment and fired at him but the bullet missed its mark. Some pedestrians who happened on the street and hearing the screams started toward the house and met the fleeing negro whom they could not halt since they were unarmed. They engaged in pursuit, however, but the fleet negro dodged them shortly after the chase had started.

The news of the arrest spread rapidly and within a few minutes a mob of 50 or 75 men had formed about to go to Pickens to demand the prisoner. Several citizens, however, talked calmly to the mob and finally persuaded the members to disperse without carrying out the plan. Gov. Manning was called over the telephone and he gave assurances that a special term of court would be ordered.

FOR SAFE KEEPING.

Columbia, Nov. 30.—Pete Hamilton, a negro charged with attempted criminal assault, was brought to the penitentiary last night at 10.20 o'clock by Sheriff Roark of Pickens. The crime is alleged to have been committed at Easley in Pickens county. "We just outwitted the crowd and rushed the negro to Columbia," said the sheriff.

OLANTA MEN OUT ON BOND.

Charged With Killing Man and Wounding Son.

Florence, Nov. 29.—George Ham and Charley McElveen, the two Olan-ta policemen who were arrested and brought to Florence charged with killing Sam Lee and mortally wounding his son, Olin Lee, at Olan-ta, in a desperate hand to hand encounter on Saturday, were released today on \$1,500 bail each by order of Judge Cary, who was passing through the city last night. The bonds were signed by some of the best citizens of Olan-ta. Olin Lee still lives, although the attending physicians believe that his wound will prove fatal.

SCORE LOST IN MINE.

Eleven Others Entombed as Result of Accident in West Virginia Caving.

Boomer, W. Va., Nov. 30.—Nineteen men were found dead after an explosion in mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal and Coke company here today. Eleven others are missing. Thirty miners were brought to the surface tonight and rescuers have hopes that the eleven will be found alive. The work of removing the debris from the entries is progressing slowly and it will be late tomorrow before the innermost parts of the mine have been explored.

MISTRIAL IN WATSON CASE.

COURT DISMISSES JURY WHEN IT IS UNABLE TO AGREE.

Stood Two for Conviction and Ten for Acquittal and Members Refused to Change Their Views.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 1.—A mistrial was ordered in federal district court here tonight in the case of Thomas E. Watson of Thomson, Ga., charged with having sent obscene matter through the mails. The jury, which had had the case before it since Thursday afternoon, reported it could not agree on a verdict.

Judge W. W. Lambdin, presiding, had called the jury into court after a conference with counsel for both sides in which it was agreed that should a verdict not be reached tonight a mistrial order should be taken. C. E. Brown of Tennesse, Ga., foreman of the jury, stated in court that it was "impossible" for the jury to reach a verdict, and on the judge's questioning other jurors, J. A. Crawford of Martinez, Ga., rose in the jury box and declared, "Your honor, this jury might remain here 30 years and it would never reach a verdict."

Judge Lambdin then ordered a mistrial and court was adjourned.

Watson returned to Thomson before the jury was called in. The order was taken at 8:38 p. m., when the case had been before the jury 30 hours. Several of the jurors, including C. J. Skinner of Richmond county, P. E. North of Augusta and Brown, the foreman, said later that the vote had been 10 to 2 for acquittal on the first ballot and on each succeeding one. North and E. G. Dent of Waynesboro were the jurors who held out for conviction, according to statements made by North, Brown and several other jurors.

Watson was placed on trial Friday, last, it being charged that he employed obscene and otherwise unlawful language in issues of his publications. The articles specified in the indictment were three parts of a serial entitled "The Roman Catholic Hierarchy: the Deadliest Menace to Our Liberties and Our Civilization," which appeared in his monthly magazine, and an editorial headed, "Another Maria Monk Case Comes to Light in New Jersey a Few Days Ago," the editorial appearing in the defendant's weekly paper.

Watson, a member of the Georgia bar, acted as his own leading counsel and sought to get into evidence his motives in using the language objected to, as well as alleged motives behind the prosecution. The court ruled, however, that the issue rested solely upon the question of Watson's responsibility for mailing the publications and upon whether or not they were unlawful under section 211 of the federal penal code. Watson assumed responsibility for mailing the matter, but denied that the language was obscene.

The indictment was returned in 1913, after a previous indictment had been quashed on a technicality, and after one federal grand jury had refused to indict Watson on similar charges. The articles were published in 1911 and 1912.

There was no indication tonight as to whether or not the district attorney would press for another trial.

There were approximately 100 spectators in the court room tonight when the final order was taken.

BROGON MILLS OPEN AGAIN.

Operatives Go Back to Work After Eleven Weeks.

Anderson, Nov. 29.—As per agreement entered into by management and operatives several days ago, the Brogon Cotton mills resumed operations at 1 o'clock this afternoon, after being idle eleven weeks, due to a strike among the help. No demonstration marked the resumption of work, the operatives formerly employed going to their old stands before the whistle was sounded. All were smiling and declared they were glad to commence work again. In addition to the regular 575 operatives being present, about one hundred other persons were on hand to file application for employment. The differences between management and operatives were settled by the conciliators from the department of labor, Washington, and a personal representative of Gov. Manning.

NEUTRALITY LAWS CERTAIN.

Congress Will Enact Laws to Prosecute Conspirators.

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Wilson has received assurances from congressional leaders that there will be no trouble attending the enactment of neutrality laws to give the Federal government jurisdiction in such cases as the German conspiracies. Laws to prevent the stealing of military secrets will also be asked. Meantime a card index of all violators of neutrality is being made so that they can be kept track of when the law becomes effective.

FAVOR WILSON'S PLAN.

METHODISTS REFUSE TO ENDORSE RESOLUTION OFFERED BY J. W. SPEAKE.

Jno. O. Willson Answers Resolution Against Preparedness and in Favor of President's Policy—Upper Conference Favors Compulsory Education.

Spartanburg, Nov. 29.—The first annual session of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, adjourned here today to meet next year in Greenville. The body before adjournment went on record in favor of a compulsory education, refused to adopt a resolution protesting against the national programme of preparedness, put off until next year the question of a change of name and left the fraternity question at Wofford College, which had become the subject of discussion in the ante-room, untouched officially.

The reading of appointments began shortly before noon, and were completed in time for the majority of the Conference delegates to leave the city on the early afternoon trains.

The sensational incident of the first annual session of the Conference came in the closing hours of that body's last session, when a resolution introduced by the Rev. J. W. Speake, of Anderson, protesting against the policy of national preparedness recently announced by Wilson and others prominent in the Democratic administration was voted down by a large majority, and later, still further buried by the adoption of motion on the part of the body to expunge from the minutes of the Conference any record of the fact that such a resolution had been introduced.

Mr. Speake supported his resolution in a lengthy discussion of the question involved, mentioning Mr. Bryan's position, and was replied to by Dr. J. O. Willson, president of Lander College, Greenwood, who opposed the adoption of any such resolution by the Conference. Dr. Willson believed in supporting President Wilson.

Before adjourning today the Conference unanimously adopted the following resolution endorsing State-wide compulsory education for South Carolina:

"Resolved, That the legislature be requested to enact a law requiring the attendance at school of every normal child between the ages of eight and fourteen years for the entire school year; provided, however, the proper authority may excuse for sufficient cause.

(Signed)

"Walter I. Herbert,
"R. E. Stackhouse."

PLENTY OF PUBLICITY.

Ford Arranges for Carrying Many Writers.

Detroit, Nov. 30.—Henry Ford, who will leave for New York preparatory to sailing for Europe Saturday on a peace mission, announced tonight that accommodations on the steamer Oscar II had been reserved for 50 newspaper men. Nearly 50 other writers, he said, had been unable to get places.

Among those accompanying Mr. Ford from Detroit will be Mrs. Ford, Edgell Ford, his son; William Livingston, president of the Lake Carriers' association; the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis and Theodore De LaVigne, a Detroit newspaper man, recently appointed Mr. Ford's personal representative in peace work. Of these Mr. Marquis and Mr. De LaVigne will sail on the Oscar II. The others probably will not go beyond New York.

F. L. Klingensmith, who succeeded James Couzens as vice president of the Ford Motor company, will join Mr. Ford in New York in time to sail with the party.

Can't Go on Oscar.

Miami, Fla., Nov. 30.—William Jennings Bryan, who arrived here today to spend three months in his winter home, Villa Serena, said that he had been forced to decline to sail with the Ford peace mission on December 4. Mr. Bryan, who found Mr. Ford's invitation awaiting him when he reached Miami, declared that he approved of the plan and expected to join the party later at some point in Europe.

Sits on Henry.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 30.—James Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, has declined Henry Ford's invitation to select a student for the peace expedition. The chancellor has written Mr. Ford that the plan "is grotesque and will accomplish nothing but the ridicule of your country."

Leaves to Join Ford Party.

Columbia, Dec. 1.—Andrew J. Bethea, lieutenant governor, who last night accepted the offer of Henry Ford to visit European countries as a member of a peace commission, will leave Columbia today for New York. The peace party will sail from New York Saturday morning. Gov. Manning several days ago refused the invitation because of official business.

METHODISTS IN SESSION.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MEETS IN CHARLESTON.

Rev. Albert Deems Betts of Clio Speaks at Anniversary of Historical Society.

Charleston, Nov. 30.—The 130th session of the South Carolina conference, M. E. church, South, was introduced this evening in Trinity church by the anniversary of the historical society. President H. B. Browne, assisted by John B. Wilson, conducted the devotional exercises.

Mr. Browne introduced the Rev. Albert Deems Betts of Clio, who gave a splendid account of Methodism and missions. The effects of home mission effort are wonderfully manifest in Texas, where missionaries of the Methodist church began work soon after the imperial State was admitted into the Union. Now there are six conferences and 300,000 members in Texas.

The address will be published in full in an early issue of The Southern Christian Advocate.

The conference and the city of Charleston are to be congratulated that both Bishop Denny and Bishop Wilson are in attendance upon the conference.

The ecclesiastical conference will be called to order by Bishop Denny at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Dr. D. D. Wallace of Wofford college was elected as the orator of the next session of the historical society.

The board of missions of the conference and the presiding elders of the conference met this morning at Trinity Methodist church. The examination of applicants for admission on trial and of the members of the first, second, third and fourth years of the conference also took place today. About 50 of the delegates and the visitors to the conference came in yesterday. The rest of the 225 or 230 delegates at the conference were expected in today and tonight.

Bonsal Buys Steamer.

As was stated in this journal last week, concerning the steamer Merchant undergoing repairs preparatory to being sold, we have learned that Mr. W. R. Bonsal is the purchaser, and soon as the work of repairing is completed, the Merchant is to be taken to Savannah for the purpose of freighting railroad ties, rails, etc. to various places, for use in the work of construction of the new railroad from Charleston to Savannah. Capt. George Hopkins, who will be in command, will be ably assisted by Capt. O. B. Wiggins.—Georgetown Progressive.

The latest and handsomest electric sign to be erected is that of Folsom's Jewelry Company. This handsome sign takes the form of a magnificent opal ring. In the ring in a clock operated by electricity on the borders of which is the name of the company. With its white and red lights the sign looked most attractive last night and was the occasion of many favorable comments from those who stopped to look at it.

Farmers are still selling some cotton, while others are storing theirs in the warehouse.

THIRTY KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

WILMINGTON PLANT OF DUPONT COMPANY IS SCENE OF CATASTROPHE.

All of Victims were Young Men—Cause of Blast Which Totally Destroyed Packing House and Shook City Will Hardly Ever be Known.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—Thirty workmen were killed and seven others injured today when four tons of black powder exploded at the upper Hagley yard of the DuPont Powder company. The cause of the blast is not known. A statement issued by the company said the origin "will probably always remain a mystery."

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men between 16 and 21 years of age. Most of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion was in a packing house, where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment to the warring nations. The packing house was one of a large group of small buildings which made up the upper Hagley plant, about three miles northwest of the city.

The blast rocked the Brandywine valley and shook and startled Wilmington. Workmen ran from every building and shack in the wide area which the company's plant covers. When the great column of smoke, which rose from the spot where the packing house stood, disappeared there was only a big hole in the ground.

Twenty-six men were in the house that disappeared. The others killed and the wounded were hit by flying debris.

The pellet packing house was a one story frame building, 18 by 20 feet, and was divided into six rooms. Nearby buildings were damaged. Company officials said the property loss was small.

One theory advanced by workmen is that the explosion may have originated in a spark from a horseshoe or a spark caused by a small car running over some spilled powder. A workman said that just before the explosion a car in which there were several thousand pounds of black powder had been drawn by two horses along a narrow gauge track to the pellet house for shipment. The powder is packed into boxes holding about 50 pounds each. Some of the powder, it is said, may have spilled from the car and was ignited by a spark from a horseshoe or a wheel.

Every home in the neighborhood is represented among the employees of the plant and there was a rush to all the gates after the explosion. Every entrance, however, was barred by uniformed and armed guards.

To Investigate Explosion.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The department of justice will begin an investigation of the explosion of the DuPont mill near Wilmington immediately.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been issued to J. Carson Phillips and Miss Lucy Rebecca Odom, Sumter; and Wilfred R. Meyer, Charleston, and Miss Mary Alice Bradford, Sumter.

ARRESTS FOR MILL FIGHT.

DEPUTY SHERIFF AND SIX MILL EMPLOYEES HELD ON CHARGES.

Bail of \$2,000 Each is Granted to Men Accused of Attack on Strikers—Warrants Against Men Sworn out by Strikers.

Greenville, Nov. 30.—Deputy Sheriff A. G. Justus of Judson mills and six other men, three of whom are overseers at the mill, were arrested today on warrants charging them with assault and battery with intent to kill David Freez, the striker who on Saturday morning was terribly cut in the fight which took place just as the mill was opening for the day. Those arrested, in addition to the mill deputy, are: J. A. Jackson, overseer of the cloth room; J. A. Parker, overseer of carding; Floyd Tidwell, overseer of spinning; Henry Jordan, J. A. Rollins and Wilmont Jackson. All the men were released late this afternoon upon \$2,000 bond each, B. E. Geer and J. M. Geer signing the bond.

The warrants were sworn out by L. A. Williams, a striker, before Magistrate W. W. Smith of Branwood, Constable Johnson served the warrants. The men were not actually placed under arrest—that is, they were not incarcerated. They were brought to Greenville in the afternoon, where Magistrates Stradley and Ballinger, sitting together, decided to release them on bond. The bonds were signed at 6 o'clock.

An interesting fact in connection with the men named in the warrants is that their work is of such nature that had they been removed from the mill the plant would have been seriously crippled in its efforts to operate. Jordan, Rollins and Jackson hold important positions so far as the operation of the mill is concerned.

Whether the accused men will ask for preliminary hearings is not known, though it has been stated unofficially they would await the next term of the general sessions court and there stand trial. This court will meet in January.

Pickets were present on the mill property again today, though there was not as much interest evident as there had been yesterday, when trouble was seriously threatened for a time. Several of the strikers have been offered employment by other mills, but for some reason all those offered employment have not accepted the positions.

The peace officers say they are anticipating no further trouble.

Sheriff Rector has appointed E. H. Clayborn as a special deputy to serve at Judson, this appointment having been made some days ago. The commission held by Justus has not been revoked, however.

The condition of Freez, the wounded striker, is critical.

Death.

Mr. Blanding W. Brown of this city after an illness of only a few hours, died on Thanksgiving day in the 69th year of his age. He was buried at old Zoar church. In the absence of his pastor, Rev. W. E. Thayer officiated.

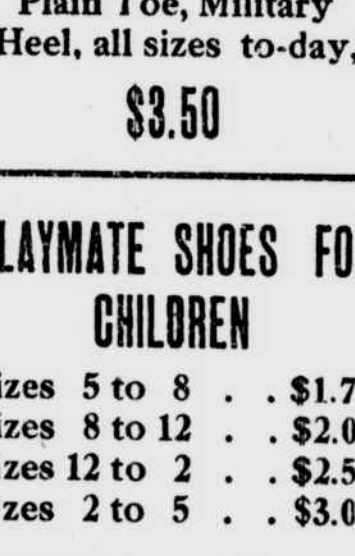
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